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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	35th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	36th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Report of the Security Council (A/54/2) [11]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate (*continued*):

Thailand
Czech Republic
United States
Sudan
Nepal
Canada
Iraq
Burkina Faso
Haiti
Andorra
Pakistan
Mexico (Report of the Disarmament Commission)
Liberia
Islamic Republic of Iran

International Committee of the Red Cross

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [90] (A/54/87, A/54/63-S/1999/171, A/C.4/54/L.2*)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99] (A/54/56, A/54/97-E/1999/52, A/54/170, A/54/171-E/1999/111 and A/C.2/54/5)

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/54/389)

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/54/8 and A/54/322)

(d) Human resources development (A/54/408)

(e) International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues (A/54/207 and A/C.2/54/2)

(g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/54/94-S/1999/518 and A/54/328)

Conclusion of general discussion

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.2 (External debt crisis and development) *(item 97 (e))* and A/C.2/54/L.4 (Science and technology for development) *(item 97 (d))*

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* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of Women [109]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.13, L.15 and L.17

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107] (A/54/3, A/54/69-E/1999/8 and Add.1, A/54/289, A/54/340, A/54/368, A/54/417, A/C.3/54/2, A/ C.3/54/L.3, L.4, L.5 and L.6)

3. International drug control [108] (A/54/3, A/54/186, A/54/293-E/1999/119, A/54/314-S/1999/942, A/54/368 and A/C.3/54/L.7)

   Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125] (A/54/11)

   Conclusion of general discussion

2. Pattern of conferences [124] (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/54/7)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Joint Inspection Unit [123] (A/53/841, A/54/34 and A/54/223)

   Conclusion of general discussion

4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

   Procurement reform

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.8

5. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

   Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account

   *Draft resolutions A/C.5/54/L.7 and A/C.5/54/L.11**

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor (A/54/380 and A/54/406))

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* To be issued.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of an international criminal court [158] (PNICC/1999/L.3/Rev.1 and L.4/Rev.1, A/54/98)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Organizational matters

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room B

Informal consultations: draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Thirty-fourth session

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

[The membership of the Committee is as follows: Canada, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Uruguay.]

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

The World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will hold a briefing on the theme "Health in Poverty Eradication: Implications for Copenhagen Plus Five", *today*, 20 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing will be given by Dr. John Martin of the Department of Health in Sustainable Development, WHO, and Mr. John Langmore, Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on a draft text of a political declaration for the special session of the General Assembly *today*, 20 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. An advance copy of the draft text is available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 20 October 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the Ministerial Declaration and the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on renewal of the dialogue and developing human resources for development)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on linkages and synergies among environmental and environment-related conventions and on desertification)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.-5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place *today*, 20 October 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 64 (b) (Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures), organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, *today*, 20 October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, *today*, 20 October 1999, from 3.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of interested States on the First Committee draft resolution on agenda item 76 (n) (Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, organized by the delegation of Canada, *today*, 20 October 1999, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 21 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	13th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Thursday, 21 October, Tuesday, 26 October, and on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 25 October, to Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Mr. Just Faaland, Chairman of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions on the report of the Committee (E/1999/33) and brief delegations on the future work programme of the Committee on Friday, 22 October 1999, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

In addition, M. Patrick Guillaumont (France), a member of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions with delegations (including any national experts who wish to participate) on the proposals of the Committee for the revision of the criteria for the identification of least developed countries, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 11 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing will take place on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on preparations for the third session of the Conference of the Parties for the Convention to Combat Desertification)* on Thursday, 21 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(briefing, in collaboration with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, given by Mr. Per Ryden, Managing Director of the Global Mechanism of the Convention to Combat Desertification, and by other agency representatives of the United Nations system who are involved in supporting its implementation)* on Thursday, 21 October 1999, from 10.30 a.m to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on the Ministerial Declaration and the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)* on Thursday, 21 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on racism and racial discrimination)* on Friday, 22 October 1999 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 21 October 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Human Rights of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 21 October 1999, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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There will be a meeting to pay tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius K. Nyerere, on Monday, 25 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be an open-ended meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on agenda item 76 (b) (Transparency in Armaments), organized by the delegation of the Netherlands, on Thursday, 21 October 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on the International Year of Older Persons on Friday, 22 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (a) (Law of the sea) will be held on Friday, 22 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: http://www.un.org/Depts/los

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 18 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of theOrganization [159]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Nigeria, Kenya, Indonesia and Côte d'Ivoire.

Right of reply

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 159.

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]

The Committee began its consideration of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), the Republic of Korea, Japan, Ecuador, Algeria and the Philippines.

9th meeting

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, Cyprus, San Marino, Costa Rica, Brazil, the Russian Federation, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Norway, China, New Zealand, Côte d'Ivoire and the Solomon Islands.

The observer of the Permanent Court of Arbitration made a statement.

Tuesday, 19 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4053rd meeting

The responsibility of the Security Council in the maintenance of international peace and security

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1071, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Argentina, Slovenia, Canada, the Netherlands, the United States, France, the United Kingdom, China, Malaysia, Gabon, Bahrain and Namibia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Russian Federation.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1071) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1071) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1269 (1999).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 11th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Bahrain, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel, Benin, Ukraine and Japan (Chairman of the Group of Governmental Experts on Small Arms).

In addition, the Committee heard a statement by the Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty Organization, while a statement by the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons was circulated.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Syrian Arab Republic and Egypt.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 11th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [90]

The Committee continued its general debate on the agenda item and heard statements made by the representatives of Canada, Kuwait, Ghana, Jamaica, India, China, Venezuela, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Senegal, Peru, Malaysia, Poland, Bangladesh, Uruguay (on behalf of Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) as well as Bolivia and Chile) and Uganda.

SECOND COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(d) Science and technology for development

(e) External debt crisis and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of item 97 and its sub-items (d) and (e).

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.4

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of the Group of 77 and China) introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.2

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [105]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.3.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

(d) Human resources development

(e) International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues

(g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Director of Technical and Regional Cooperation of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT) and the Director of the Private Sector Development Programme of the United Nations Development Programme.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States.

16th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Costa Rica, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Senegal, Norway, Antigua and Barbuda, Romania, Turkey, Indonesia, the Philippines, Mali, Croatia, Singapore, China, the Republic of Korea and Nigeria and the observer for the Holy See.

The representative of the International Organization for Migration made a statement.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

International drug control [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of the Czech Republic, Belarus (also on behalf of Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and the Russian Federation), Cyprus, Cuba, Uganda, Myanmar, Indonesia, Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), Morocco, Ghana, Rwanda, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Lebanon and Venezuela.

Organization of work

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement about the organization of work.

17th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.11

The representative of Mongolia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Greece, Guinea, Italy, Kyrgyzstan and Thailand, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolutions

A/C.3/54/L.14

The representative of the Dominican Republic, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, France, the Gambia, Grenada, Hungary, Iceland, India, Lithuania, Portugal, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis and the Sudan, introduced the draft resolution. Subsequently, Kuwait joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.16

The representative of Romania, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Croatia, Nicaragua and Suriname, introduced the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

International drug control [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Bahrain, Brazil, Argentina, Kuwait, Mozambique, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea and Armenia.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 9th meeting

Joint Inspection Unit [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Louis-Dominique Ouedraogo (Burkina Faso), introduced the annual report of the Unit (A/54/34) and the work programme of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1999 and the preliminary listing of potential reports for 2000 and beyond (A/53/841).

The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit was contained in document A/54/223.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh and the United States.

Organization of work

The representative of Uganda, coordinator of informal consultations under agenda item 119 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Modalities for operating the Development Account), made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

10th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN Countries), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Croatia, Singapore, Myanmar, Burkina Faso and Kuwait.

Pattern of conferences [124]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Kenya (on behalf of the Member States of East African Cooperation), the Republic of Korea, Jamaica, Bangladesh, China, Japan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Organization of work

The representative of Uganda, coordinator of informal consultations under agenda item 119 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Modalities for operating the Development Account), made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 10th meeting

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]

Statements were made by the representatives of the following countries: Malaysia (on behalf of ASEAN), India, Hungary, Croatia, Mozambique, Nepal, Trinidad and Tobago, Haiti, Ukraine, Iraq, Guatemala, Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, Bolivia, South Africa and Belarus.

The observer of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) also made a statement.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 1999

1785th and 1786th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Norway (CCPR/C/115/Add.2).

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [8]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Accession: Tajikistan (12 October 1999)*

Convention on the prohibition of military or any other hostile use of environmental modification techniques. New York, 10 December 1976

Accession: Tajikistan (12 October 1999)*

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 10 October 1980

Accession: Tajikistan (12 October 1999)*

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Tajikistan (12 October 1999)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during Disarmament Week of 1999 (21-26 October 1999) in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. On Thursday, 21 October 1999, there will be two panels: at 10 a.m. on the theme "The Comprehensive Test-ban Treaty, The Chemical Weapons Convention, The Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention: Status Reports" and at 3 p.m. on the theme "Space Weapons, Anti-Satellite Weapon Tests, Missile Defences".

The third panel will take place on Friday, 22 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to discuss "The New Agenda Coalition, The Tokyo Forum and Other Initiatives to Reduce Nuclear Dangers".

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United Nations Day

On the occasion of the celebration of United Nations Day, a concert will take place on Friday, 22 October 1999, at 7 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The concert will be a tribute to "Duke" Ellington on the 100th anniversary of his birth and a celebration of his service as Music Ambassador to the world. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will host the event.

The Concert will feature the Duke Ellington Orchestra with George Duke as Musical Director, and the Billy Taylor Trio. The evening will also feature such famous performers as Nancy Wilson, Eartha Kitt, Gregory Hines, Bobby Short, Lena Horne, Jerry Butler, the Esther Marrow Gospel Singers, Dianne Reeves, Grady Tate, Kenny Burrel, Take 6, The Dells, Marcus Printup, Ernie Andrews, Jon Hendricks, and others.

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Photography exhibit

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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